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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL

REF: OSLO 2381

1. THREE MEMBER UN TEAM VISITED OSLO FOR MEETINGS MAY 26
WITH NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION
TO UNFDAC, MEMBERS OF TEAM WERE: MESSRS. MACKENZIE AND
EMBLAD OF UNFDAC AND MR. VERHAGEN, BURMA PROJECT OFFICER
FOR DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS.

2. SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WAS NORWEGIAN INTEREST IN
CONTRIBUTING TO UNFDAC SUM OF \$5 MILLION OVER FIVE YEARS
TO FINANCE NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF UNFDAC PROGRAM
IN BURMA.

3. TEAM MEMBERS REPORTED IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS MAY 31
THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH NORWEGIANS PROCEEDED IN AFFIRMATIVE
ATMOSPHERE. MR. MACKENZIE TOLD NORWEGIANS HIS
IMPRESSIONS FROM RECENT TRIP TO BURMA, NOTING INCREASED
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REALIZATION BY EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
THAT PLACE TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT DRUGS WAS AT THEIR
ROOTS IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE. ACCORDING TO EMBLAD, TEAM
WAS SUBJECTED TO INTENSIVE QUESTIONING ABOUT DETAILS OF
BURMA PROGRAM, BUT FELT IT FIELDDED QUESTIONS TO ENTIRE
SATISFACTION OF NORWEGIANS. VERHAGEN NOTED THAT INTERESTING
ASPECT OF DISCUSSIONS WAS INCLUSION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL

TECHNICAL EXPERTS, WHO KEPT GOALS OF BURMA PROGRAM IN PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC TERMS.

3. TEAM UNDERSTANDS THAT A MR. AASE, NORWEGIAN OFFICIAL FORMERLY WITH WORLD BANK, WILL PREPARE CABINET RECOMMENDATION TO PARLIAMENT THAT CONTRIBUTION BE MADE. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CABINET DECISION ANTICIPATED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, WITH PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE, EXPECTED TO BE FAVORABLE, IN SEPTEMBER.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT FUND'S SOLICITATION EFFORTS ARE ON VERGE OF MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH. CONTRIBUTION OF THIS SIZE FROM NORWAY NOT ONLY WOULD ALLEVIATE FUNDS FISCAL PROBLEMS BUT ALSO WOULD CONSTITUTE IMPRESSIVE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN FUND, THEREBY FACILITATING FURTHER APPROACHES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS. CABLE RECIPIENTS REQUESTED TREAT INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL ANNOUNCED BY PARTIES CONCERNED. SORENSON

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